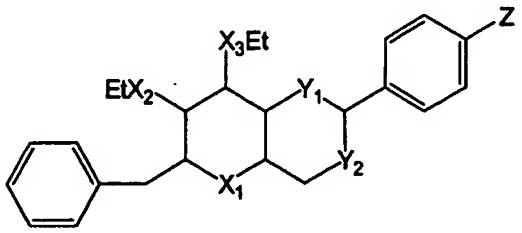
Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating an infection caused by herpesvirinae in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of at least one compound according to the chemical structure

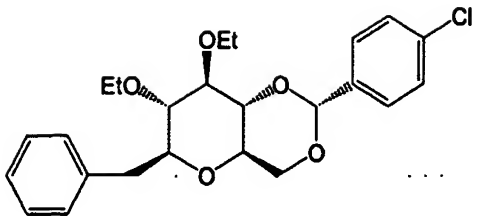


wherein X_1, X_2, and X_3 are ~~selected from the group consisting of O, N, and S~~; wherein Y_1 and Y_2 are ~~selected from the group consisting of O, N, and S~~; and wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, and Br.

2. (Previously presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the patient is administered an effective amount of at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compounds of Claim 1.

3. (Previously presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said compounds have substantially identical spatial occupation, physiochemical and electrochemical properties as the compounds of Claim 1.

4. (Previously presented) A method of treating an infection caused by herpesvirinae in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound of the chemical structure



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (Previously presented) A method as defined in claim 1 comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (Previously presented) A method of treating an infection caused by herpesvirinae in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of at least one compound having the three-dimensional structure characterized by the atomic structure coordinates of Table 5, said compound having less than a 10% difference in the internal coordinates after minimalization with the MM2 force field.

7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the infection is caused by HSV-1 or HSV-2.